

## Message Text

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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4299  
AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA  
INFO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
CINCUSNAVEUR LONDON  
COMNAVTELCOM WASHDC  
USCINCEUR VAIHINGEN  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L ASMARA 1100

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS ET  
SUBJECT: POWER PARTIALLY RESTORED; MASSAWA CONVOYS ERRATIC

REF: ASMARA 1093 (280750Z DEC 76)

1. FOLLOWING THE DESTRUCTION OF A POWER TRANSMISSION TOWER NEAR BELEZA ON THE EVENING OF DEC. 27 (REFTEL), AN EELPA REPAIR CREW REACHED THE SITE AND WERE ABLE COMPLETE TEMPORARY REPAIRS BY LATE AFTERNOON OF DEC. 28. FROM 1300 TO 1630 ON DEC. 28, THE KAGNEW POWER STATION PROVIDED .9 MEGAWATTS TO ASMARA. ON DEC. 29, EELPA REPAIRMEN RETURNED TO THE SITE AND BY THE CLOSE OF THE DAY HAD EFFECTED A PERMANENT REPAIR OF TRANSMISSION LINES. BELEZA'S POWER WAS SHUT DOWN WHILE THIS WORK WAS GOING FORWARD, AND KAGNEW AGAIN  
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PROVIDED POWER DURING THE DAY. AT PRESENT, FULL RESIDENTIAL POWER HAS BEEN RESTORED, BUT MOST FACTORIES CONTINUE TO RECEIVE ONLY A FRACTION OF THEIR POWER REQUIREMENTS.

2. THE MASSAWA CONVOY WHICH DEPARTED ASMARA ON DEC. 27, RETURNED FROM MASSAWA ON DEC. 28 WITHOUT INCIDENT. ANOTHER CONVOY COMPRIS-

ED OF SCORES OF GOODS VEHICLES AS WELL AS EMPTY FUEL TANKS  
HAS BEEN FORMED IN ASMARA ON THE MORNING OF DEC. 30. THE MASSAWA  
CONVOY SCHEDULE IS ERRATIC, YET SEEMS TO BE AVERAGING FROM 1.5  
TO 2 CONVOYS PER WEEK VERSUS THE PREVIOUS NORM OF THREE PER WEEK.  
DESPITE THE INFLOW OF POL PRODUCTS FROM MASSAWA, MOGAS AND KERO-  
SENE HAS NOT BEEN AVAILABLE FOR SALE FOR THE PAST TWO WEEKS.  
IT IS FURTHER REPORTED THAT PROSPECTS FOR RESUMPTION OF MOGAS  
SALES IS BLEAK AS SUPPLIES FROM ASSAB TO MASSAWA HAVE BEEN  
INTERRUPTED FOR SOME AS YET UNEXPLAINED REASON.  
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